

(b) There is a Post Adoption Support Services Pilot Program.

(c) The purpose of the Program is to:

(1) provide post adoption support services to adopted children and their adoptive families; and

(2) provide additional State funds for adopted children.

(d) An adopted child or adoptive family shall be eligible for post adoption support services if the adoption was ordered under § 5-338 of the Family Law Article.

(e) At the request of an adoptive parent for post adoption support services from the local Department of Social Services, the local Department of Social Services shall conduct a clinical assessment of the needs of the adopted child and adoptive family.

(f) After a determination by the local Department of Social Services that the adopted child or adoptive family is in need of post adoption support services, the local Department of Social Services shall submit a proposed post adoption support service plan to the Department of Human Resources for approval and funding.

(g) On approval and the release of funds by the Department of Human Resources, the local Department of Social Services or a vendor designated by the local Department of Social Services shall provide the post adoption support services to the adopted child or adoptive family.

(h) (1) Funding for the Program shall be provided from existing resources of the Department of Human Resources.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that not more than \$250,000 from any fund source be expended per fiscal year.

(i) On or before December 1, 2009, the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: